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## **No Overcharging in Rhode Island** One of only two states in the country where no rebates owed by health insurers

**Cranston, RI June 25, 2012** — Last week the Center for Commercial Insurance Information and Oversight (CCIIO) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the amounts due to health insurance consumers under the so-called “80/20 rule” in the Affordable Care Act. While insurance consumers in some states were overcharged by as much as \$807, CCIIO’s calculations indicate that Rhode Island was one of only two states in the country where insurer’s rates were not excessive compared to their actual performance.

Under the terms of the “80/20 rule,” if an insurer’s medical costs in 2011 were less than 80% of the premiums they collected, the premiums were considered to be excessive and consumers are entitled to rebates. Only in Rhode Island and New Mexico did no insurers go below that 80% thresh-hold.

“The information from CCIIO is further proof that insurance rate oversight in Rhode Island is appropriate and working for Rhode Islanders,” said Health Insurance

Commission Christopher F. Koller. “Health insurance is expensive, and we are working to make it more affordable. Thanks to comprehensive rate review, health insurance consumers in Rhode Island don’t have to overpay their insurers and then wait for a rebate check after the fact.”

Information about CCIIO’s 80/20 calculation can be found at <http://www.healthcare.gov/law/resources/reports/mlr-rebates06212012a.html>.

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### **About the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner**

The Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) was established by legislation in 2004 to broaden the accountability of health insurers operating in the state of Rhode Island. Under this legislation, the Office is dedicated to:

1. Protecting consumers
2. Encouraging fair treatment of medical service providers
3. Ensuring solvency of health insurers
4. Improving the health care system’s quality, accessibility and affordability

The Office sets and enforces standards for health insurers in each of these four areas.  
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